Point No. (6)

These provisions have to be included in the proposed SCs and STs (Reservation of Appointments or Posts and Seats in Educational Institutions) Act, 1996 to provide for all aspects pertaining to reservation for SCs and STs.

Point No. (7)

Tribunals of Justice in reservation or Arakshan Nyay Adalats should be set up with the main Bench in Delhi and other Benches in every place where the CAT has got Benches, and with the status of a High Court, with appeal lying only to the Supreme Court as in the case of the CAT, and with jurisdiction over all bodies to which reservation applies, to adjudicate on all complaints and petitions regarding reservation.

III. REMEDY FOR ABSENCE OF OR NEGLIGIBLE REPRESENTATION AND REDUCING REPRESENTATION OF SCs AND STs IN CLERICAL POSTS AND SECTORS

Point No. (1)

Suitable individuals belonging to the SCs and STs are available in the country for posts of importance like Governors, Ambassadors, Members of Planning Commission, Secretaries of Govt. of India, Members of UPSC, PESB etc. Conscious efforts should be mounted to bring them into such positions in reasonable numbers.

Point No. (2)

Future appointment to bodies like UPSC, PESB etc. may be made keeping in view at every step the objective of correction of the imbalance.

Point No. (3)

The process of empanelment of Secretaries, Additional Secretaries and Joint Secretaries should made transparent and it should cease to be adverse to SC and ST officers.

Point No. (4)

Institutional arrangements may be made under the Prime Minister to ensure that the SC and ST officers are not side-lined and they are posted in economic Ministries in reasonable numbers.

IV. AMBEDKAR MEMORIALS/JAGJIVAN RAM MEMORIALS

Point No. (1)

The property at 26, Alipur Road may be acquired and Dr. Ambedkar Memorial set up there.

Point No. (2)

No. 6 Krishna Menon Marg be developed as Babu Jagjivan Ram Memorial.

Point No. (3)

Dr. Ambedkar Memorial National Library and Research Centre and Ambedkar Bhavan should be set up at the land between Raisina Road and Rajendra Prasad Road already ordered to be given the Ministry of Welfare.

V. IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER POINTS IN THE CMP READ WITH THE DALIT MANIFESTO

Point No. (1)

In addition there are a number of other points in the Dalit Manifesto to which the Government has rightly committed itself covering matters like Bills to amend the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and the Protection of Civil Rights Act 1955, Bill for structuring Panchayat institutions in Scheduled Areas and Tribal Areas in accordance with the Bhuria Committee's recommendations etc. If these Bills are not passed in the Winter Session, they may be promulgated by Ordinance, in view of their urgency and importance for SCs and STs.

Point No. (2)

The Forum urges upon the Prime Minister to ensure that all these and other points contained in Dalit Manifesto are implemented without further loss of time.

ACTION TAKEN

All the above points of the Memorandum are at various stages of examination in consulation with the concerned Ministries/Departments and the Planning Commission.

Development of Science and Technology

*440 SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE:
DR. M.P. JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been slow progress of programmes in technology sector;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any shortage of funds for the sector or the funds are not being utilised properly;

(d) if so, the amount earmarked for this sector during the Ninth Five Year Plan and the present allocation of funds;

(e) whether the Government are looking towards Private Sector for this purpose;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the concrete steps being taken by the Government to make improvement in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) Efforts on technology development, acquisition, absorption, adaptation, upgradation and transfer are going on at a faster pace in the country. However, there are variations in the levels of technological progress in different sectors. While technological progress is visible in some sectors such as agriculture, atomic energy and space, it is at varying levels in different areas in the industrial sector.

(c) and (d) Government have increased the allocations for S & T year after year. While there is no separate allocation for technology *per se*, the Central Plan Outlay for science, technology and environment for the year 1997-98 is Rs. 2177 crores as proposed in the Union Budget for 1997-98. The Ninth Five Year Plan allocations are yet to be finalised.

(e) Utilization of technology and commercialisation of R & D results is primarily by the industry, both public and private sectors. Government is increasingly looking for greater role of industry in technology development and utilization.

(f) and (g) Government have, from time to time, evolved fiscal incentives and support measures to encourage industry to enhance investments in technology development and commercialisation of R & D results. Direct funding of R & D and technology development projects in industry. income tax relief on R & D expenditure incurred by industry are some of the major incentives.

To accelerate the development and application of indigenous technology to production process, Government have created a Fund for Technology Development and Application. The Fund is administered by the Technology Development Board constituted by the Government in September, 1996. The Board was allocated a sum of Rs. 30 crores in 1996-97. The current year's budget proposed an allocation of Rs. 70 crores for the activities of the Technology Development Board.

With a view to enhancing financial resource to state of art technology development, a scheme to match every additional commercial rupee earned by CSIR and ICAR laboratories as well as IITs has been initiated by the Government.

Torture by Police

4698. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Youth alleges torture by Police" appearing in "The Pioneer" dated February11, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases where police have tortured the people in an effort to make them confess their guilt which they have otherwise not committed; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) The Government have seen the news item in question which appeared in the "The Pioneer" in its issue of February 16, 1996. It has been alleged in the report that a 26 year old marketing executive of a computer firm was tortured and kept in illegal detention for three days by the officials of Police Station Rohini. This was reportedly done in an effort to make him confess that be knew the identity of the assailants who had earlier shot at his cousin.

(c) and (d) It has been reported by the Delhi Police that during the year 1996 & 1997 (upto 10.4.97) six such instances have came to their notice. The Departmental Enquiries have been ordered against 15 Police officials found involved in these cases.

[Translation]

Welfare Schemes for Women in Bihar

4699. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of voluntary organisations working for women welfare in Bihar and the amount sanctioned for them during the last three years on the recommendations of Bihar Social Welfare Board for implementations of various schemes;

(b) the number of such schemes lying pending with the Central Government for allocation of funds;

(c) whether the Government propose to fix any time limit for the implementation of women Welfare schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.